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sweets of possessing property by the easy modes of plunder. The preservation of morals and an encouragement to honest industry should be the first objects of Government; plundering is the destruction of both. I wish the cause of liberty may never be tarnished with inhumanity, nor the morals of people bartered in exchange for wealth.

I have the honor to be, &c., &c.

LETTERS OF PATRICK CARR, TERROR TO
BRITISH LOYALISTS, TO GOVERNORS JOHN
MARTIN AND LYMAN HALL, 1782 AND 1783.

During the American Revolution there was in Georgia a man who was most active in hunting down and punishing the enemies of the cause of the colonies, and his special efforts were directed against the Tories, of whom it is said that, with his own hands, he killed one hundred. He was an Irishman, and, when provoked, let his temper run high. His name was Patrick Carr, and he was a citizen of Jefferson County after the War, and there he is said to have lived many years, and met his death at the hands of some descendants of Tories whom he had offended. It is recorded that when once praised for his courage he replied that he would have made a good soldier, but God had given him too merciful a heart.

The letters which follow show the spirit in which he carried out his purpose of standing by the American cause. They are given just as they were written, without any corrections.

Letter From Capt. Patrick Carr to Governor Martin.

Silver Bluff, 11th Aug., 1782.

Dear Sir: —

This is to acquaint your honor with the situation of affairs in this part of the country, and to desire your directions how I shall act. There is a number of fellows about — some gave up to the Militia officers, & numbers still sculking about their homes. They are, chiefly, persons who stole out of Savannah before and about the fall of the town.

I have got the copy of the Oaths & the enlistment from the Honorable Gen. Wayne, but I have been so exceedingly ill since I got home, that I have been obliged to keep my bed. I am now upon the recovery, and I hope will be able to put in execution your orders as soon as I receive them.

It was with the greatest grief that I have been laid up sick, while poor travelers have been annoyed by Sam Moore with that infernal set of outlaws, I have sent parties out without success. But your honor may depend upon it, as soon as I get able to ride I will make them shy or catch them. They all have wives who harbour them and their plundered property; and without the men are killed, or the women secured, there will be no end to the robberies & murders committed in Georgia; but your honor may be assured that my best exertions shall be used in suppressing those troublesome villains who are a pest to society; & to fulfill & put in force whatever orders I may receive from you from time to time. There are now among us some of the worst of men, I dare say, waiting only for an opportunity to do mischief & slip off. But you have power to issue orders by which I shall be able to stop them. Ogeechee settlement in Burke, is entirely abandoned, the Indians coming in now and then and picking off a Tory (though they have never as yet killed a Whig) has so alarmed them that they have all fled to Buck head.

Mr. Galphin's Settlement at the Old Town still stands, by my persuasion; if that settlement is broke up, Burke county will certainly follow. There are several designing men who wish to see it done, that they may see the ruin of the county; in order to which they are attempting to frighten the people from their settlements.

I have got some half breeds to live there who have given themselves up to me. As soon as I get able to ride and assist the people on the line, I hope I shall be able to persuade them to return to their former places of abode by the order I formerly received from your honor.

I remain, Dear Sir, with great respect your honor's most Ob't & Humble Serv't,

PATRICK CARR.

P. S.—I have just received intelligence of a party of the Traders coming in to give themselves up, chiefly from the lower Towns; after which I hope in a few days to wait upon you in person to give you an account of my proceedings with them.

Letter From Patrick Carr to Governor Martin.

Silver Bluff, August 22nd, 1782.

Dr. Sir:—

I informed you in my last that I was going out to meet some of the lower town traders. I accordingly went, but there came none but John Anderson, who went up with Philip Scott, Joseph Cornels & some others. As for the report about Cornel's giving bad talks to the Indians and gathering them to come down, it is entirely false, for the talks he received from Gen'l Wayne he gave to the Indians.

Anderson was confined in the upper towns for near two months and he attempted to come down but was stopped by the commissary. The reason the traders did not come was this: After Mr. Barnard told them Savannah was taken they were all for coming; but an express from St. Augustine informed them that they were going to hold that place; and the having such a vast property belonging to those two States gave them still hopes of holding it. They keep continually sending Negroes to West Florida. Your Honor may with all ease have them stopped there by sending a letter to the Spanish Governor who they say had a great regard for the Americans. I can any time send your letters with safety and dispatch. It must do an essential service to those two States, as it will be the means of keeping the Negroes in the nation till we can get them, but your honor knows best how to proceed.

The Indians that escaped that night from Gen'l Wayne (ten in number) went straight to Thomas Graham's house in the upper Towns, & killed him. He was the most active man in tarring and feathering Brown, and the first white man afterwards that headed a party of Indians to kill women and children on our frontier, and done great mischief. The Tories keep dropping in every day. Their number increases up here and is very large. If I once received your Honor's orders, I could recruit this regiment down there with a great many men; for the truth is I believe the Militia officers are afraid to concern (consort?) with them. I would be glad to know your pleasure in regard to those men who have come from the Nation, as I can make them of great service; and it will be the means of making the settlers go back to their Plantations on the Ogeechee, as I intend myself in a very little time.

No more from your Honor's most obt. & humble serv't to command,

PATRICK CARR.

Rockey Ford, Ogeechey, September 13th, 1783.

To Governor Lyman Hall.

Dr. Sir,

I have got up as high as here. After leaving Mr. George Galphin I made no discoveries in respect of what I went after, but when I got to this place I met Ben Leenear who informed me that his Brother in Law, Henry Cooper, wanted to go off peaceably to Florida with his wife. I really think it would be for the good of this country if he is suffered to go in peace, if he concerns with no person's property but his own. But your Honor must be the best judge in this affair. Mr. leenear likewise informs me that the last Boats that were robbed, Cooper tells him if I would go and search the Widow Grine's loft, between the loft and ceiling, I would find a great many goods, and take two Negroes belonging to the plantation and whip them I would find the chief of the Rum and Sugar. But I shall not proceed 'till I receive your Honor's orders on that head. Cooper declares to his Brother in law he had no hand in it. If you think proper to give Cooper a pass, I would be glad if you would send me word, as I intend to keep scouts constantly out 'till those fellows that infests the Road is either killed or dispersed. We have kept ourselves peaceable as long as possible; but to see those fellows committing such depredations dayly on the peaceable inhabitants is insufferable. Please to send your order for me to Silver Bluff by safe hands, and I shall willingly put them in execution on sight if in my power.

I remain with respect your Honor's most obedient humble servant to command.

PATRICK CARR.

Old Town, 10th December, 1783.

To Governor Lyman Hall.

Dr. Sir,

I take this opportunity to inform your Honor of my great success since I received your last letter in pursuing those plunderers who infest this State from Florida.

I have taken a good many horses & considerable other property which I have restored to our citizens agreeably to your orders to Colo. Johnson, a copy of which he sent to me.

When Henry Cooper went off he sent me word that he should take care & not let a single stolen horse go in his company; but notwithstanding Col. Johnson went in the same company, he, or his gang, carried off several. Ben Lanier tried to take the horses from him, but was near loosing his life in the attempt. As soon as I heard of it, which was not for several days after I received the first intelligence from Esquire Lanier, (whose letter I enclose to your honor), I followed Cooper to St. Mary's, but was afraid of creating a misunderstanding between this State & that Province. Had I crossed the river I believe I could have the chief of all the rogues that infests this State, as St. Mary's is their principal harbour; but I was afraid of censure.

The people, generally, seem determined to pursue those fellows to St. John's if there is not a stop put to their robing & plundering. For my part, I, nor my people, will not attempt it without orders. I have lived on the frontiers for more than seven months, and there has been but two horses stolen in that time within twenty miles of me, either by Indians or by Tories; & those two have both been restored, for those rogues are afraid to come into this settlement. There are people coming from Florida, every day, especially Colo. Brown's core, & no body has as yet interrupted them.

I would be obliged to your honor if your honor would let me have the ammunition you promised me when in Augusta, & send it by the bearer, Peter Benson, also a few flints, as they are very scarce with us.

I remain with great respect, your Honor's most obedient & humbl serv't,

PATRICK CARR.

Copy of a letter from Patrick Tonyn, Governor of East Florida, to his Excellency, John Martin, Governor of Georgia.

St. Augustine, 28th August, '82.

Sir:—

I have the honor of receiving your letter of the 15th instant, by the Flag of Truce, the Hepsebeth, and papers relative thereto in which you nominate William McIntosh, Samuel Stirk & John Wereat, Esquires, Commissioners to negotiate concerning the mode of carrying on the War in future upon liberal principles so as to prevent plundering & marauding parties from disturbing the settlements in Geor-